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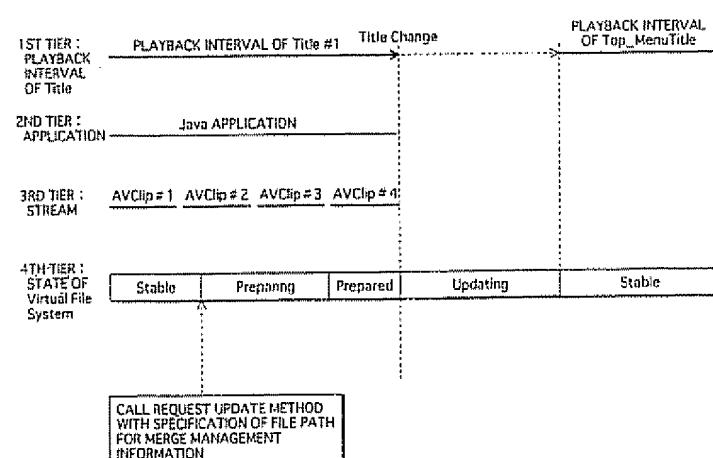
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(54) Title: PLAYBACK APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING APPLICATION-SYNCHRONIZED PLAYBACK



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(57) Abstract: A playback apparatus for playing a digital stream in conjunction with an application includes a package management unit operable to generate package information by merging files recorded on a first recording medium and a second recording medium, in accordance with merge management information, and a selection unit operable to detect a plurality of playable titles from the package information, and select one of the detected titles as a current title. After the application requests the package management unit to update the merge management information, by specifying new merge management information, the package management unit changes a file referenced from the newly specified merge management information to read-only before updating the package information, and at a point at which digital stream playback stops due to a current title change by the selection unit, the package management unit generates new package information by combining files recorded on the first and second recording media, in accordance with the newly specified merge management information.

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NOTIFICATION CONCERNING  
SUBMISSION OR TRANSMITTAL  
OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

(PCT Administrative Instructions, Section 411)

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 24 October 2005 (24.10.2005)	To:  NAKAJIMA, Shiro 6F, Yodogawa 5-Bankan 2-1, Toyosaki 3-chome Kita-ku, Osaka-shi Osaka 531-0072 JAPON
Applicant's or agent's file reference P39099P0-655	<b>IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION</b>
International application No PCT/JP2005/013785	International filing date (day/month/year) 21 July 2005 (21.07.2005)
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Applicant MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. et al	



1. By means of this Form, which replaces any previously issued notification concerning submission or transmittal of priority documents, the applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to all earlier application(s) whose priority is claimed. Unless otherwise indicated by the letters "NR", in the right-hand column or by an asterisk appearing next to a date of receipt, the priority document concerned was submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b).
2. (If applicable) The letters "NR" appearing in the right-hand column denote a priority document which, on the date of mailing of this Form, had not yet been received by the International Bureau under Rule 17.1(a) or (b). Where, under Rule 17.1(a), the priority document must be submitted by the applicant to the receiving Office or the International Bureau, but the applicant fails to submit the priority document within the applicable time limit under that Rule, the attention of the applicant is directed to Rule 17.1(c) which provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.
3. (If applicable) An asterisk (\*) appearing next to a date of receipt, in the right-hand column, denotes a priority document submitted or transmitted to the International Bureau but not in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b) (the priority document was received after the time limit prescribed in Rule 17.1(a) or the request to prepare and transmit the priority document was submitted to the receiving Office after the applicable time limit under Rule 17.1(b)). Even though the priority document was not furnished in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b), the International Bureau will nevertheless transmit a copy of the document to the designated Offices, for their consideration. In case such a copy is not accepted by the designated Office as the priority document, Rule 17.1(c) provides that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within a time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances.

Priority date	Priority application No.	Country or regional Office or PCT receiving Office	Date of receipt of priority document
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05 October 2004 (05.10.2004)	2004-293043	JP	25 August 2005 (25.08.2005)
21 December 2004 (21.12.2004)	2004-369701	JP	25 August 2005 (25.08.2005)
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0	For receiving Office use only	
0-1	International Application No	
0-2	International Filing Date	
0-3	Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"	
0-4	Form PCT/RO/101 PCT Request	
0-4-1	Prepared Using	PCT-SAFE [EASY mode] Version 3.50 (Build 0002.173)
0-5	Petition  The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty	
0-6	Receiving Office (specified by the applicant)	Japan Patent Office (RO/JP)
0-7	Applicant's or agent's file reference	P39099P0-655
I	Title of Invention	PLAYBACK APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING APPLICATION-SYNCHRONIZED PLAYBACK
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II-9	Facsimile No.	06-6906-8166
II-11	Applicant's registration No. with the Office	000005821
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III-1-6	State of nationality	
III-1-7	State of residence	

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III-2-6	State of nationality	
III-2-7	State of residence	
III-3	Applicant and/or inventor	
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III-3-2	Applicant for	US only
III-3-4	Name (LAST, First)	OASHI, Masahiro
III-3-5	Address	
III-3-6	State of nationality	
III-3-7	State of residence	
IV-1	Agent or common representative; or address for correspondence	
	The person identified below is hereby/ has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as:	agent
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IV-1-3	Telephone No	Japan 06-6373-3246
IV-1-4	Facsimile No	06-6373-3105
IV-1-6	Agent's registration No.	100090446
IV-2	Additional agent(s)	additional agent(s) with same address as first named agent
IV-2-1	Name(s)	MATSUMURA, Shuji(100072442); KOBAYASHI, Kunito(100125597)
V	DESIGNATIONS	
V-1	The filing of this request constitutes under Rule 4.9(a), the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents.	
VI-1	Priority claim of earlier national application	
VI-1-1	Filing date	22 July 2004 (22.07.2004)
VI-1-2	Number	2004-214916
VI-1-3	Country	JP

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VI-2	Priority claim of earlier national application		
VI-2-1	Filing date	15 September 2004 (15.09.2004)	
VI-2-2	Number	2004-268512	
VI-2-3	Country	JP	
VI-3	Priority claim of earlier national application		
VI-3-1	Filing date	05 October 2004 (05.10.2004)	
VI-3-2	Number	2004-293043	
VI-3-3	Country	JP	
VI-4	Priority claim of earlier national application		
VI-4-1	Filing date	21 December 2004 (21.12.2004)	
VI-4-2	Number	2004-369701	
VI-4-3	Country	JP	
VI-5	Priority claim of earlier national application		
VI-5-1	Filing date	30 March 2005 (30.03.2005)	
VI-5-2	Number	2005-099410	
VI-5-3	Country	JP	
VI-6	Priority document request  The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) identified above as item(s):	VI-1, VI-2, VI-3, VI-4, VI-5	
VII-1	International Searching Authority Chosen	European Patent Office (EPO) (ISA/EP)	
VIII	Declarations	Number of declarations	
VIII-1	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	-	
VIII-2	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the International filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	-	
VIII-3	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	-	
VIII-4	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	-	
VIII-5	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	-	

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IX	Check list	number of sheets	electronic file(s) attached
IX-1	Request (including declaration sheets)	5	✓
IX-2	Description	65	-
IX-3	Claims	4	-
IX-4	Abstract	1	✓
IX-5	Drawings	46	-
IX-7	TOTAL	121	
	Accompanying Items	paper document(s) attached	electronic file(s) attached
IX-8	Fee calculation sheet	✓	-
IX-11	Copy of general power of attorney	✓	-
IX-17	PCT-SAFE physical media	-	✓
IX-18	other	Payment form bearing revenue stamps for appropriate fee	
IX-19	Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract	29	
IX-20	Language of filing of the International application	English	
X-1	Signature of applicant, agent or common representative	 MATSUMURA, Shuji	
X-1-1	Name (LAST, First)		
X-1-2	Name of signatory		
X-1-3	Capacity		

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10-1	Date of actual receipt of the purported International application	
10-2	Drawings:	
10-2-1	Received	
10-2-2	Not received	
10-3	Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported International application	
10-4	Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2)	
10-5	International Searching Authority	ISA/EP
10-6	Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid	

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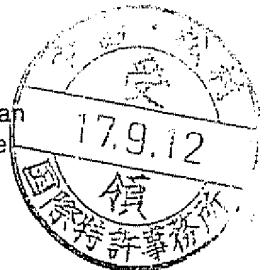
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<b>Applicant's or agent's file reference</b> P39099P0-655	<b>International application No.</b> PCT/JP2005/013785

The applicant is hereby notified that the International Bureau has received the record copy of the international application as detailed below:

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TANAKA, Keiichi et al (for US)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference P39099P0-655	International application No. PCT/JP2005/013785
<p><b>ATTENTION</b></p> <p>The applicant should carefully check the data appearing in this Notification. In case of any discrepancy between these data and the indications in the international application, the applicant should immediately inform the International Bureau.</p> <p>In addition, the applicant's attention is drawn to the information contained in the Annex, relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- time limits for entry into the national phase - see updated important information (as of April 2002)</li><li>- requirements regarding priority documents (if applicable)</li></ul> <p>A copy of this Notification is being sent to the receiving Office and to the International Searching Authority.</p>	

## INFORMATION ON TIME LIMITS FOR ENTERING THE NATIONAL PHASE

The applicant is reminded that the "national phase" must be entered before each of the designated Offices indicated on the cover sheet of this Notification by paying national fees and furnishing translations as prescribed by Articles 22 and 39 and the applicable national laws. In addition, the applicant may also have to comply with other special requirements applicable in certain Offices. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the necessary steps to enter the national phase are taken in a timely fashion. Most Offices do not issue reminders to applicants in connection with the entry into the national phase.

The applicable time limit for entering the national phase will, subject to what is said in the following paragraph, be 30 MONTHS from the priority date, not only in respect of any elected Office if a demand for international preliminary examination is filed before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (see Article 39(1)), but also in respect of any designated Office, in the absence of filing of such demand, where Article 22(1) as modified with effect from 1 April 2002 applies in respect of that designated Office. For further details, see PCT Gazette No. 44/2001 of 1 November 2001, pages 18926, 19932 and 19934, as well as the PCT Newsletter, October and November 2001 and February 2002 issues.

In practice, time limits other than the 30-month time limit will continue to apply, for various periods of time, in respect of certain designated or elected Offices. For regular updates on the applicable time limits (20, 21, 30 or 31 months, or other time limit), Office by Office, refer to the PCT Gazette ("Section IV" part published on a weekly basis), to the PCT Newsletter (on a monthly basis) and to the relevant National Chapters in Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide (the paper version of which is updated usually twice a year and the Internet version of which is updated usually on a weekly basis). Finally, a cumulative table of all applicable time limits for entering the national phase is available from WIPO's Internet site, via links from various pages the site including those of the Gazette, Newsletter and Guide, at <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>.

Information about the requirements for filing a demand for international preliminary examination is set out in the PCT Applicant's Guide, Volume I/A, Chapter IX. Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination (at present, all PCT Contracting States are bound by Chapter II).

## REQUIREMENTS REGARDING PRIORITY DOCUMENTS

For applicants who have not yet complied with the requirements regarding priority documents, the following is recalled.

Where the priority of an earlier national, regional or international application is claimed, the applicant must submit a copy of the said earlier application, certified by the authority with which it was filed ("the priority document") to the receiving Office (which will transmit it to the International Bureau) or directly to the International Bureau, before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date, provided that any such priority document may still be submitted to the International Bureau before that date of international publication of the international application, in which case that document will be considered to have been received by the International Bureau on the last day of the 16-month time limit (Rule 17.1(a)).

Where the priority document is issued by the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the receiving Office to prepare and transmit the priority document to the International Bureau. Such request must be made before the expiration of the 16-month time limit and may be subjected by the receiving Office to the payment of a fee (Rule 17.1(b)).

If the priority document concerned is not submitted to the International Bureau or if the request to the receiving Office to prepare and transmit the priority document has not been made (and the corresponding fee, if any, paid) within the applicable time limit indicated under the preceding paragraphs, any designated State may disregard the priority claim, provided that no designated Office may disregard the priority claim concerned before giving the applicant an opportunity, upon entry into the national phase, to furnish the priority document within the time limit which is reasonable under the circumstances (Rule 17.1(c)).

Where several priorities are claimed, the priority date to be considered for the purposes of computing the 16-month time limit (and all other PCT time limits) is the filing date of the earliest application whose priority is claimed (Article 2(xi)(b)).

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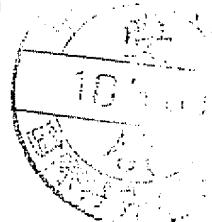
FIRST NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF  
THE COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
APPLICATION (TO DESIGNATED OFFICES WHICH  
DO NOT APPLY THE 30 MONTH TIME LIMIT  
UNDER ARTICLE 22(1))

(PCT Rule 47 I(c))

Date of mailing (day/month/year)  
23 February 2006 (23.02.2006)

To:

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Applicant

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- ATTENTION: For any designated Office(s), for which the time limit under Article 22(1), as in force from 1 April 2002 (30 months from the priority date), **does apply**, please see Form PCT/IB/308(Second and Supplementary Notice) (to be issued promptly after the expiration of 28 months from the priority date)
- Notice is hereby given that the following designated Office(s), for which the time limit under Article 22(1), as in force from 1 April 2002, **does not apply**, has/have requested that the communication of the international application, as provided for in Article 20, be effected under Rule 93bis I. The International Bureau has effected that communication on the date indicated below:  
26 January 2006 (26.01.2006)

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In accordance with Rule 47 I(c-bis)(i), those Offices will accept the present notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s)

- The following designated Offices, for which the time limit under Article 22(1), as in force from 1 April 2002, **does not apply**, have not requested, as at the time of mailing of the present notice, that the communication of the international application be effected under Rule 93bis I :

LU, SE, TZ, UG, ZM

In accordance with Rule 47 I(c-bis)(ii), those Offices accept the present notice as conclusive evidence that the Contracting State for which that Office acts as a designated Office does not require the furnishing, under Article 22, by the applicant of a copy of the international application

## 4. TIME LIMITS for entry into the national phase

For the designated Office(s) listed above, and unless a demand for international preliminary examination has been filed before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (see Article 39(1)), the applicable time limit for entering the national phase will, subject to what is said in the following paragraph, be 20 MONTHS from the priority date.

In practice, time limits other than the 20-month time limit will continue to apply, for various periods of time, in respect of certain of the designated Offices listed above. For regular updates on the applicable time limits (20 or 21 months, or other time limit), Office by Office, refer to the *PCT Gazette*, the *PCT Newsletter* and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, National Chapters, all available from WIPO's Internet site, at <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor all these time limits

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## PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

## PCT

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference <b>P39099P0-655</b>	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>	
	see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below	
International application No <b>PCT/JP2005/013785</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>21/07/2005</b>	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) <b>22/07/2004</b>

Applicant

MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 7 sheets

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report

## 1 Basis of the report

a With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b  With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2  Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II)3  Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III)

## 4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

## 5 With regard to the abstract,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established, according to Rule 38 2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

## 6 With regard to the drawings,

a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 29

as suggested by the applicant.

as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

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b  none of the figures is to be published with the abstract